

In The Application:

Please replace the German Application and the translation thereof with the enclosed replacement Application. The replacement Application has been reformatted in accordance with the new formatting requirements and headings have been added. Additionally, translations of the attorney's letter head, the Applicant in Germany and footnotes have been omitted. Furthermore, the phrase "too head" has been corrected to read "tool head" in the last line of paragraph 0013.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 through 5 and add new claims 6 through 18 as follows:

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6. (New) A device for connecting two tool parts configured for receiving a threaded spindle, each of the tool parts having an associated threaded area, and wherein the device comprises:

a threaded spindle having a shoulder, the shoulder having an outside diameter which is smaller than the interior diameter of the associated threaded area of one of the tool parts.

7. (New) The device according to claim 6, wherein the threaded spindle has a shoulder at each end.

8. (New) The device according to claim 7, wherein the outside diameter of the shoulder at each end is smaller than the interior threads of the associated threaded area of a corresponding tool part.

9. (New) The device according to claim 6, wherein threaded sections of the threaded spindle have opposing orientation and are assigned to corresponding threaded areas of the tool parts.

10. (New) The device according to claim 9, wherein the threaded sections of the threaded spindle have differing outside diameters and that the threaded areas of the tool parts have correspondingly adapted interior diameters.

11. (New) The device according to claim 6, wherein the at least one shoulder of the threaded spindle is adapted to the outside diameter of the associated threaded area.

12. (New) A connection for connecting two tool pieces, the connection comprising:
a first tool piece having a threaded area for receiving a threaded sections of a threaded spindle;

-- a second tool piece having a threaded area for receiving a threaded sections of a threaded spindle; and

A threaded spindle having a pair of threaded section for engaging the threaded areas of the first tool piece and the second tool piece, and wherein the threaded spindle comprises at least one projection extending beyond one of the threaded sections for guiding the threaded section into the threaded area of one of the first tool piece and the second tool piece.

13. (New) The connection according to claim 12, wherein the second tool piece partially nests within the first tool piece.

14. (New) The connection according to claim 12, wherein the threaded spindle has a shoulder at each end.

15. (New) The connection according to claim 14, wherein the outside diameter of the shoulder at each end is smaller than the interior threads of the associated threaded area of a corresponding tool pieces.

16. (New) The connection according to claim 12, wherein threaded sections of the threaded spindle have opposing orientation and are assigned to corresponding threaded areas of the tool pieces.

17. (New) The connection according to claim 16, wherein the threaded sections of the threaded spindle have differing outside diameters and the threaded areas of the tool pieces have correspondingly adapted interior diameters.

18. (New) The connection according to claim 12, wherein the at least one shoulder of the threaded spindle is adapted to the outside diameter of the associated threaded area.